

Graduate Medical Education Trainee Policy on USMLE Completion

- Documentation of successful completion of USMLE Step II Clinical Knowledge (CK) is required for initial appointment as a Resident or Clinical Fellow (or for reappointment, if not previously provided).
- Documentation of successful completion of USMLE Step III is required for appointment (or reappointment) at the PGY 3 level or higher and should be confirmed by all programs.
- Documentation of successful completion of USMLE Step III is required for graduation from all Mass General Brigham residency and fellowship programs.
- Program Directors may grant individual Step III exceptions for one year at a time with approval from the Vice President of GME. Permanent exemptions may be granted to international medical graduates in fellowship programs who plan to return to their home country after completion of their training.
- Canadian physicians and Doctors of Osteopathy who are eligible for licensure may substitute documentation of successful completion of LMCC/MCCQE and COMLEX examinations, respectively, in lieu of USMLE examinations.

Note: Policies approved by the Mass General Brigham Graduate Medical Education Committee apply to GME trainees in programs sponsored by the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Mass Eye and Ear, McLean Hospital, Newton Wellesley Hospital, Salem Hospital, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

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